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Tonya K. Flesher Receives 2015 Thomas J. Burns Biographical Research Award

Tonya K. Flesher is the Arthur Andersen Professor of Accountancy in the Patterson School of Accountancy at the University of Mississippi. She is a past president of the Academy of Accounting Historians and former Dean of the School of Accountancy. She was the first female to serve as Dean at the University of Mississippi. She serves as director of the Tax History Research Center. The Mississippi Society of CPAs named her the Outstanding Educator in 1995. In 2003, Tonya was given the Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award, which is the top teaching award on campus. She also received another campus-wide award, the Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award for Outstanding Teaching and Scholarship in 1986. The students in the School of Accountancy have elected her Outstanding Teacher five times. She was named Outstanding Researcher in the School of Accountancy in five different years.

Flesher is the author of several books and over 100 articles. She has had biographical publications over the years in *The Accounting Review*, *AHJ*, and other journals. During her Academy presidency in 1993, she hosted the Academy's



first Biography Conference. Every paper presented at the conference was a biography of an accountant. Her own dissertation was a biography, and she has served as a committee member on two biographical dissertations.

Her husband, Dale L. Flesher, is a past recipient of the Burns Biographical Research Award.

President Sargiacomo announces Tonya Flesher's award at the annual business meeting held during the AAA Annual Meeting.